

The invention claimed is:

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1. A method for alerting a wireless terminal user of a handoff of a cell from a first communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising the steps of:

receiving a handoff indicating message;
determining whether a received identifier of the second communication service station is at least one of a collection of acceptable identifiers; and
producing an audible alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least one of the collection of acceptable identifiers.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the call is automatically terminated after producing the audible alert if a call continuation indication is not received.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the call continuation indication is an utterance.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the call continuation indication is an activation of a key.

5. The method of claim 4, further comprising the step of displaying information identifying at least one key as a call continuation indication key.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a predetermined time if a call continuation indication is not received.

7. The method of claim 2, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a user programmed time if a call continuation indication is not received.

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8. A method for alerting a wireless terminal user of a handoff of a cell from a first communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising the steps of:

receiving a handoff indicating message;

5 determining whether a received identifier of the second communication service
6 station is at least one of a collection of acceptable identifiers; and
7 producing a vibrating alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least
8 one of the collection of acceptable identifiers.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the call is automatically terminated after
2 producing the vibrating alert if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the call continuation indication is an
2 utterance.

1 11. The method of claim 9, wherein the call continuation indication is an
2 activation of a key.

1 12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of displaying information
2 identifying at least one key as a call continuation indication key.

1 13. The method of claim 9, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a
2 predetermined time if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 14. The method of claim 9, wherein the call is automatically terminated after a
2 user programmed time if a call continuation indication is not received.

1 Sub A4 15. A wireless terminal that alerts a user of a handoff of a call from a first
2 communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising:
3 a receiver that receives a handoff indicating message;
4 a memory containing a collection of acceptable identifiers;
5 a processor that determines if a received identifier of the second communication
6 service station is at least one of the collection of acceptable identifiers and activates an
7 audible alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least one of the collection of
8 acceptable identifiers.

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1 16. The wireless terminal of claim 15, wherein the processor automatically
2 terminates the call after activating the audible alert if a call continuation indication is not
3 received.

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1 17. A wireless terminal that alerts a user of a handoff of a call from a first
2 communication service station to a second communication service station, comprising:
3 a receiver that receives a handoff indicating message;
4 a memory containing a collection of acceptable identifiers;
5 a processor that determines if a received identifier of the second communication
6 service station is at least one of the collection of acceptable identifiers and activates a
7 vibrating alert during the call if the received identifier is not at least one of the collection
8 of acceptable identifiers.

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1 18. The wireless terminal of claim 17, wherein the processor automatically
2 terminates the call after activating the vibrating alert if a call continuation indication is
3 not received.